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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER RELATES GOS CONCERN OVER NUCLEAR EXPORTS  
AND SAFEGUARDS

1. DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER SODER ON MARCH 29 SHE GAVE HIM AN ADVANCE COPY OF EXCERPT REGARDING NUCLEAR QUESTIONS FROM THE DRAFT DECLARATION PREPARED FOR A RIKSDAG FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE ON MARCH 30. (WE HAVE COMPARED THE LANGUAGE OF THE TEXT DELIVERED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON MARCH 30 WITH THE DRAFT AND FIND THERE WERE ONLY MINOR CHANGES IN THE WORDING.) AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE FINAL TEXT, PREPARED BY MFA, FOLLOWS BELOW:

NUCLEAR POWER AS A SOURCE OF ENERGY POSES SPECIAL PROBLEMS. ONE OF THEM IS THE RISK THAT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY CAN PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. MORE AND MORE ATTENTION IS BEING PAID TO THIS PROBLEM IN THE INTERNATIONAL DEBATE. THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT) AND THE SAFEGUARDS ADMINISTERED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY WILL, IN THE SWEDISH VIEW, STILL BE THE PRIMARY TOOLS IN EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE THESE RISKS. THEREFORE, THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO BROADEN SUPPORT FOR THE NPT AND TO IMPROVE THE SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM OF THE IAEA.

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HOWEVER, MEASURES OF A DIFFERENT NATURE ARE ALSO NECESSARY. THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING PART IN ATTEMPTS TO ARRIVE AT FORMS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WHICH MEET NON-PROLIFERATION OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL.

ESSENTIAL WORK IS ALSO BEING DONE IN THE SO-CALLED LONDON

GROUP FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING FURTHER GUARANTEES AGAINST THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THIS GROUP INCLUDES ALL OF THE MAJOR EXPORTING COUNTRIES IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. SWEDEN IS ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES WHICH IS WORKING HERE TO STRENGTHEN CONDITIONS GOVERNING NUCLEAR EXPORTS.

DECISIVE IMPORTANCE IS ATTACHED TO NON-PROLIFERATION ASPECTS IN THE THOROUGH EXAMINATION MADE OF EACH SPECIFIC CASE WHEN THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS QUESTIONS OF LICENSES FOR SWEDISH EXPORTS IN THE NUCLEAR POWER FIELD. A GENERAL PRINCIPLE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUED TREATMENT OF THESE MATTERS IS THAT EXPORT LICENSES TO NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES WILL ONLY BE GRANTED IF THEY HAVE RATIFIED THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY OR HAVE ACCEPTED AT LEAST EQUALLY COMPREHENSIVE IAEA SAFEGUARDS COVERING ALL THEIR NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ON NUCLEAR ENERGY, NON-PROLIFERATION AND SAFEGUARDS ACCORD WITH PREVIOUS GOS DECLARATIONS AND REPRESENT NO NEW DEPARTURE. GOS VIEWS PARALLEL US POSITIONS ON THESE MATTERS, AND WE CAN EXPECT BROAD GOS COOPERATION IN THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES CONCERNED WITH THESE SUBJECTS.

3. IN REPORTING ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECH, STOCKHOLM'S DAILY NEWSPAPER "DAGENS NYHETER" CONCLUDED WITH THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: "KARIN SODER EMPHASIZED ALSO THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASED COOPERATION IN ENERGY QUESTIONS. SWEDEN ACTIVELY STRIVES FOR FURTHER TIGHTENING OF NUCLEAR EXPORT CONDITIONS. EXPORT PERMITS TO NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES SHALL ONLY BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROVED IF THEY (THE STATES) HAVE RATIFIED THE NPT OR THEY HAVE MADE AT LEAST CORRESPONDING OBLIGATIONS IN OTHER WAYS." SMITH

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